

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2016-166-E ORDER NO. 2016-56-H

JUNE 20, 2016

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

**Mamie Jackson, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company,
Defendant/Respondent**

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of Counsel for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for clarification and, in the alternative, that the hearing date in this matter be held in abeyance until after the Commission considers the request to dismiss the Complaint

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Counsel for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company notes that, under Order No. 2016-49-H, the deadlines for the filing of direct testimony for all parties have been tolled while the Commission considers the Company's request for dismissal of the complaint, and that new deadlines for the filing of testimony would be established, should the request be denied by the Commission. Counsel further notes the Company's belief that, since no action has been taken on the Motion to Dismiss and the deadlines for the filing of testimony remain tolled, the tolling of the testimony filing deadlines will also result in a rescheduling of the hearing date after the Commission considers the Motion to Dismiss and re-establishes the testimony filing deadlines. Lastly, counsel states that if this understanding is incorrect, SCE&G requests that the Commission hold the hearing date in this matter in abeyance and reschedule the hearing date, if necessary, after consideration of the Motion to Dismiss.

Counsel's understanding is incorrect, in that the tolling of the pre-filing dates does not automatically result in a rescheduling of the hearing date after the Commission considers the Motion to Dismiss and re-establishes the testimony filing deadlines. Consequently, the Standing Hearing Officer will consider SCE&G's request that the Commission hold the hearing date in this matter in abeyance and reschedule the hearing date, if necessary, after consideration of the Motion to Dismiss. This request is granted. At this time, no date has been set for consideration of the Motion to Dismiss by the Commission, but it is unlikely to be before the presently scheduled hearing date on the merits of the case set for Wednesday,

June 29, 2016. Accordingly, the presently scheduled hearing is continued and held in abeyance until after such time as the Commission can consider the Motion to Dismiss. Also, should the Motion to Dismiss be denied by the Commission, the hearing will be set on some date after any new deadlines for the filing of testimony.

In summary, the present hearing date of June 29, 2016 in this matter is continued and held in abeyance at this time.